

Briefing on the Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

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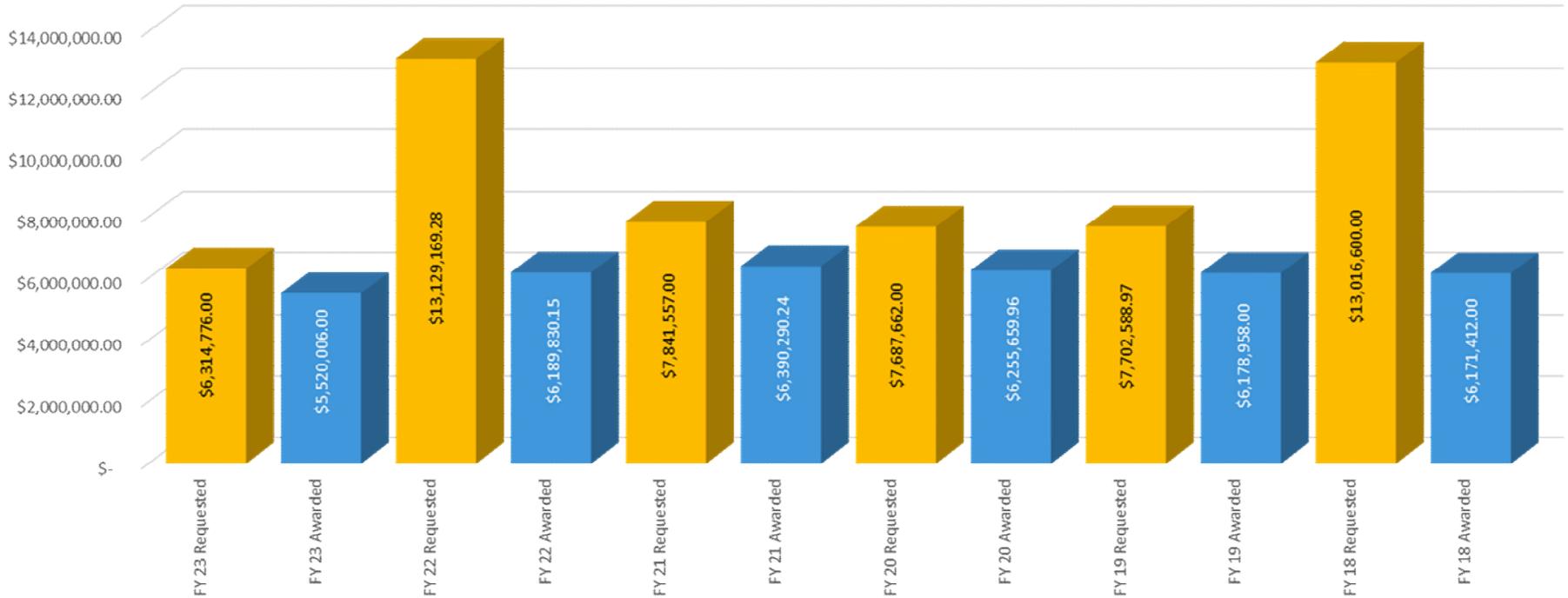


CATPA Grant Program §42-5-112 C.R.S.

- To provide grants to assist in improving and supporting automobile theft prevention programs or programs for the enforcement or prosecution of automobile theft crimes through statewide planning and coordination.
- Operates with an 11 member Board (9 appointed by the Governor) to solicit and review applications for grants.
- Is administered by the CSP CATPA Office composed of a Director, Grant Manager, Grant Specialist (finance), and Public Outreach Coordinator.
- Criteria for grant awards are based on §42-5-112(3) C.R.S. and 8 C.C.R. 1507-50 by authority of §42-5-112(3.f) C.R.S.
- Grant awards (1-3 years) are executed through a grant agreement, using the State Controller's grant agreement templates.
- Grantees are required to report quarterly (or monthly) metrics, and semi-annual and annual reporting narratives.



FY '18-'23 Requests and Funding



CATPA Grant Programs

Focus on statewide and multijurisdictional partnerships to address specialized services in assisting auto theft prevention, enforcement, training and prosecution. Primary attention is given to programs focused on multijurisdictional offenders using crime analysis to identify patterns and trends.

- Prosecution - AG's Office Auto Theft Initiative
- Enforcement – Denver Metro and Statewide Task Forces & Statewide Intelligence Program
- Training – Statewide Auto Theft Investigators Training
- Public Outreach & Education Program



FY '22 CATPA Grant Summaries

Enforcement Task Forces

- Funded 2 Off-site locations for operations
- ~20 Full-time task force with ~5 FTE overtime task force
- 2,711 Investigations
- 234 Task Force Operations
- 34 Armed offenders
- 268 Agencies Involved
- 774 Stolen Vehicle Recoveries
- 493 Arrests
- Charges
 - 108 Misdemeanor & 747 Felony

Crime/Intelligence Analysts (5 Full-time)

- Over 1,850 products
- Managed the Colorado Stolen Vehicle Database Repository
- Managed the Statewide Law Enforcement ALPR Database

Prosecution Support

- 1 full-time prosecutor (AG's Office)
- Financial support to Denver DA

Training

- Specialized motor vehicle theft training to over 640 law enforcement personnel
- Conducted 58 specialized training classes



R-01 Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Initiative – Colorado State Patrol

- **Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Initiative**

The Department requests an increase of \$7,915,323 General Fund and 10.1 FTE in FY 2023-24 and \$4,719,274 General Fund and 9.0 FTE in FY 2024-25 to augment the capacity of the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) and the existing multi-jurisdictional task forces to combat auto theft.

- **CATPA Budget Companion Bill** - The bill will clarify CATPA's current statute can receive and distribute General Fund monies under their authority to help ensure that CATPA can continue their mission to help communities and law enforcement agencies combat auto theft and additional criminal activity.



Questions

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Statewide
Prevention Program

MVT Summary 2022

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and Multistate
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Statewide
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CATPA Grant Cycle Process

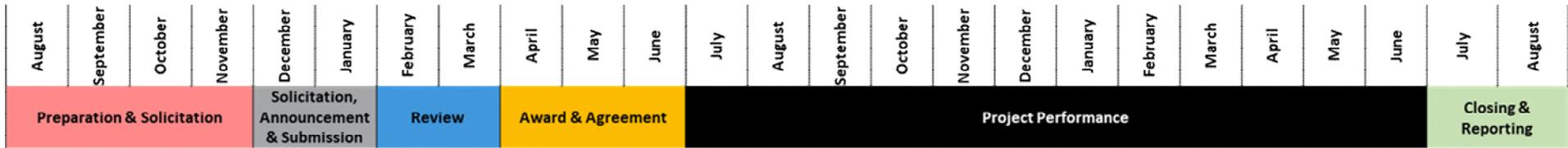


- Prepare Grant Manager Guidance Manual (Aug - Nov)
- Grant Announcement (Nov - Dec)
- Application Conditions
- Grant Workshop (December)
- Conditions, Criteria and Instructions
- Application Submission (Jan - Feb)

- Application Review (Feb - Mar)
- Award Recommendations (Mar)
- Grant Agreements Executed (Apr - Jun)
- Grant Performance (July to June)
- Closing & Reporting (Jul – Aug)



<https://csp.colorado.gov/services-we-provide/colorado-auto-theft-prevention-authority/catpa-grant-programs-available>





CATPA Board Review Process

The CATPA Board convenes annually for 2 days during a Funding Conference to review, evaluate and determine awarding to Applicants.

Step 1: General Review of Application

Step 2: Predicate Review of Applications

Step 3: Application Evaluation & Scoring (Technical Capacity, Management Capacity & Past Performance)

Step 4: Board Discussion to Develop Questions and/or Need for Applicant Interview

Step 5: Board Interviews with Applicants for Clarifying Questions

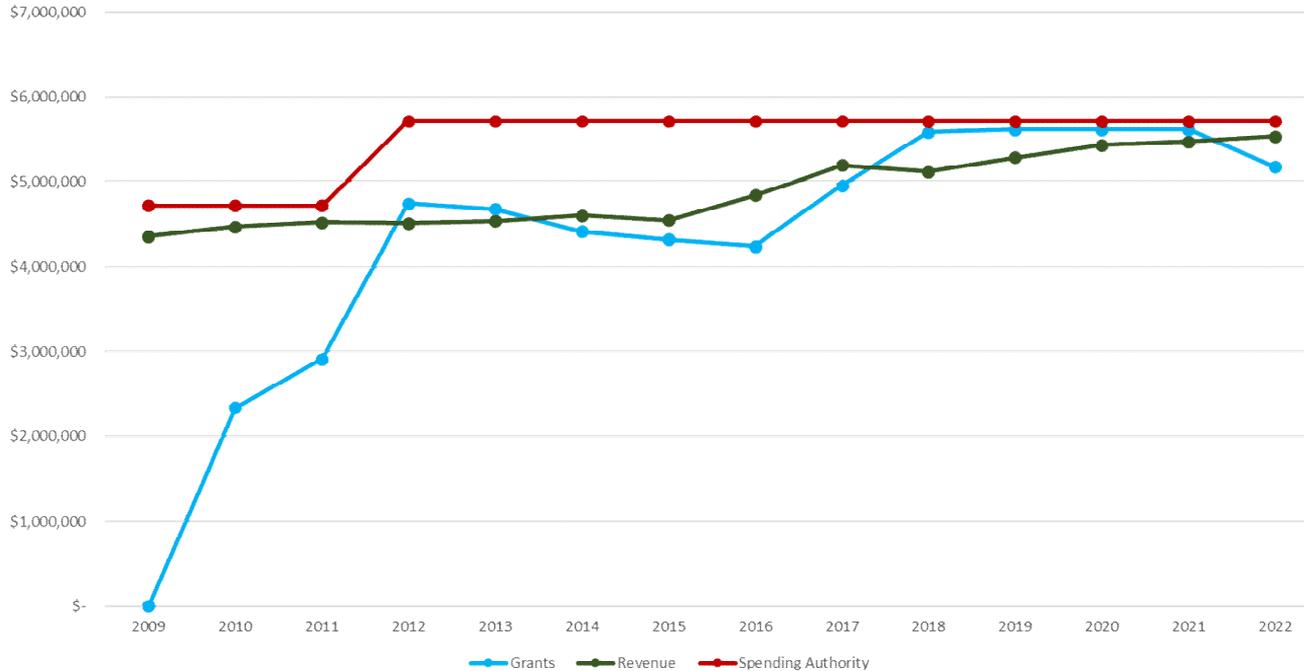
Step 6: Application Evaluation using Award Criteria Standards

Step 7: Determining Funding Levels for Applicants

Further evaluation information can be found in 8 CCR 1507-50



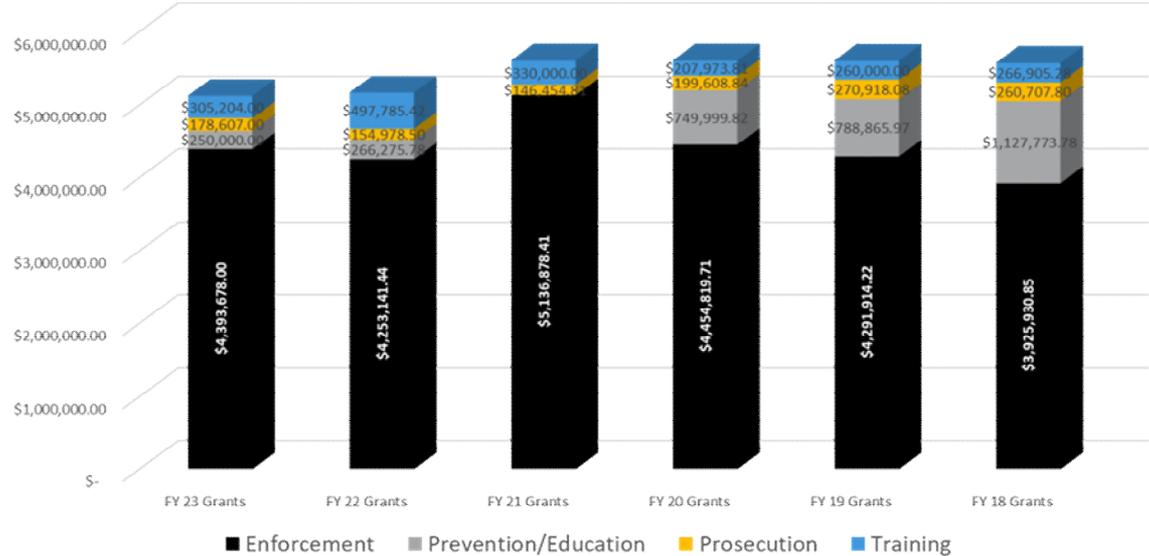
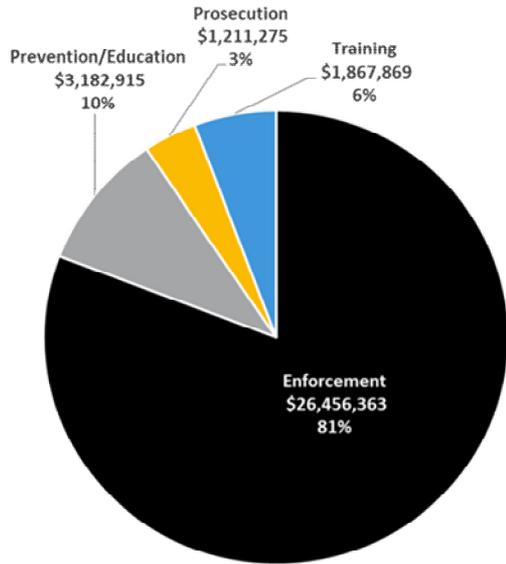
CATPA Revenue, Grant Expenses and Spending Authority



- CATPA Cash Fund §42-5-112(4.a) C.R.S.
- Revenue from insurance companies insuring motor vehicles for \$1 per vehicle §10-4-617 C.R.S.
- Grant expenses (Blue Line) vary from the actual Grant Award as expenses are typically below what was awarded.
- State audit every 5 Years §42-5-113



FY '18-'22 CATPA Grant Initiatives



Statewide Training Program



<https://www.coloradoautotheft.org/trainings.html>

CATI	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Meetings	18	18	23	35	62	28
Training	14	8	8	13	5	58
<i>Basic Training</i>	6	4	3	5	5	13
<i>Advanced Training</i>	6	4	3	7	0	45
<i>Train-The Trainer Training</i>	2	0	2	1	0	0
Attendees Instructed	291	401	355	101	188	646





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Statewide Prevention Program - FY 22 & FY 23

- 35 Stakeholder Meetings in FY22, 45 YTD in FY23
- 15,462 Catalytic Converter Labels Distributed
 - 65 Partnering Events YTD
- 50,067 Social Media Impressions
- Direct Public Interaction with over 17,000 residents via 15 Outreach Events
- Support of over 39 media inquiries to raise awareness
- Radio Messaging and Targeted Hot Spot Gas Station Advertising



Enforcement - Auto Theft Task Forces

Reporting Element	2019	2020	2021	2022
Inter-Agency Meetings	598	561	601	605
Investigation Results				
Cases Filed	67	117	216	321
Major Cases	40	42	29	27
COCCA Cases	12	14	3	10
Chop Shop	12	3	8	4
Number of Arrests	133	290	312	493
Misdemeanor Charges	59	57	93	108
Felony Charges	258	431	518	747
Task Force Recovered Stolen Vehicles	428	555	922	774
Estimated Recovery Value (Average Dollar Loss)	\$ 3,803,208	\$ 5,087,130	\$ 8,683,396	\$ 7,481,484
Average Stolen Vehicle Value	\$ 8,886	\$ 9,166	\$ 9,418	\$ 9,666
Funding	\$ 3,644,051	\$ 3,536,028	\$ 3,615,359	\$ 2,954,632
ROI Recovered Stolen Vehicles	4.37%	43.87%	140.18%	153.21%



Denver Metro Team (C-MATT)

- 22 Full-Time Task Force Personnel
- 28 Participating Agencies



Statewide Task Force (BATTLE)

- 5 Regional Teams (North, West, South, Southwest and Metro)
- 55 Participating Agencies
- Overtime Based Operations

Unity of Command & Communications

Exemplar: BATTLE North and the Greeley Police Department along with eight (8) other agencies with two (2) multi-jurisdictional Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA) cases, with a prolific auto theft offender in both “The Endless Test Drive”, and “No Keys, No Problem” in 2022. The Weld County Grand Jury indicted six (6) individuals with the combined 352 felony charge counts of motor vehicle theft, forgery, COCCA, and multiple other serious crimes. These two (2) investigations collectively revealed 57 stolen vehicles, with losses of over half a million dollars.



Crime Analysis

- 5 Crime/Intelligence Analysts (Full-time)
- Manage the Colorado Stolen Vehicle Database Repository
- Manage a Statewide Law Enforcement ALPR Database
- Provide support to all CATPA grant projects with primary support to task force operations

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Analytical Products	1098	2080	1383	1354	1146	1785
Tactical	1049	1914	1315	474	440	835
Investigative	0	0	0	765	592	417
Prosecution	0	0	0	28	0	25
Strategic	49	166	68	78	54	50
Research	0	0	0	9	17	34
Other	0	0	0	0	43	424
Meetings	0	96	353	139	71	167



Prosecution Programs

C-MATT (\$23,124)



- Denver DA's Office

Attorney General's Auto Theft Initiative



- Full-time prosecutor

Attorney General's Office	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Meetings	222	148	35	60	26	35
Training	0	0	0	12	0	37
Case Activities	63	116	158	39	78	60
<i>Reviewed</i>	63	113	35	7	11	30
<i>Pre-Indictment Work Meetings</i>				4	12	1
<i>Court Appearances</i>			116	17	31	19
<i>Filed Prosecution Cases</i>	0	1	5	0	0	0
<i>Cases Prosecuted</i>	0	2	2	11	24	10

Most-At-Risk Thefts - Top 10 in 2022

- The Chevrolet Silverado is the most at risk vehicle, with 1828 thefts in 2022.
- The Kia and Hyundai have six (6) of the top ten (10) make/model vehicles in 2022.



Motor Vehicle Theft Summary - 2022

Last Year

1 out of 54 households were victim to a vehicle theft

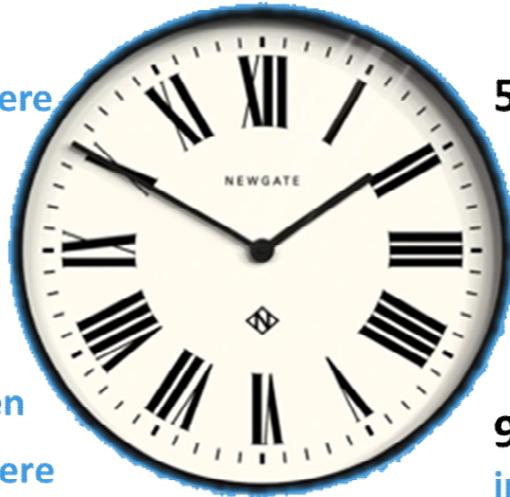
9 out of 10 stolen vehicles were recovered

Every Day

113 vehicles were stolen

15 other vehicles were attempted to be stolen

1 out of 6 stolen vehicles were used to commit another crime



Every Hour

5 vehicles were stolen

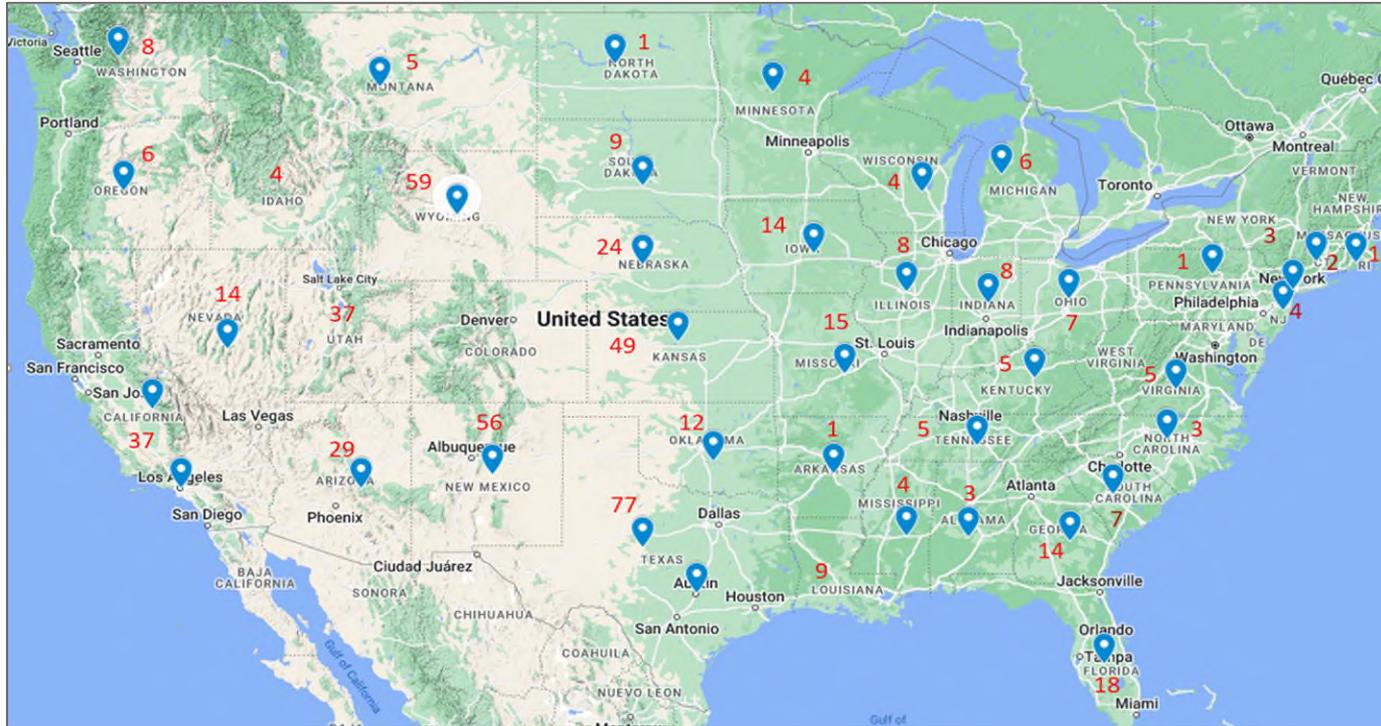
4 stolen vehicles were recovered

2 stolen vehicles were recovered away from the city where they were stolen

99% of the vehicle theft charges included secondary crimes related to the motor vehicle theft



Auto Theft - Multijurisdictional and Multistate Problem



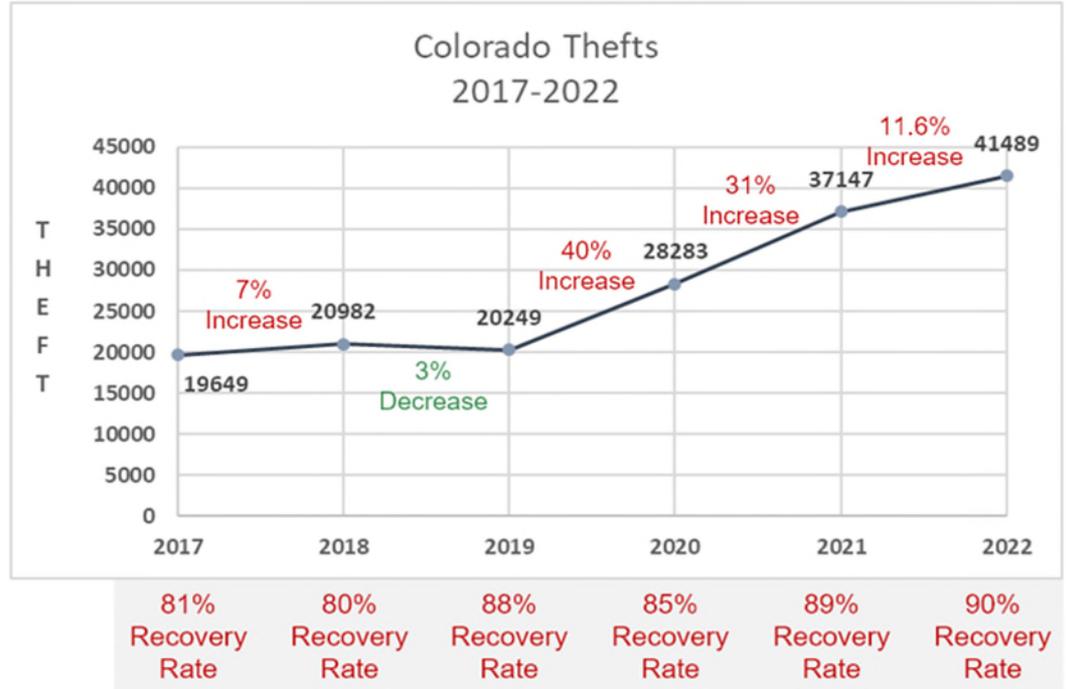
Over 50% of Colorado stolen vehicles are recovered outside the municipality of the reported theft.



Motor Vehicle Theft Trends 2017 - 2022

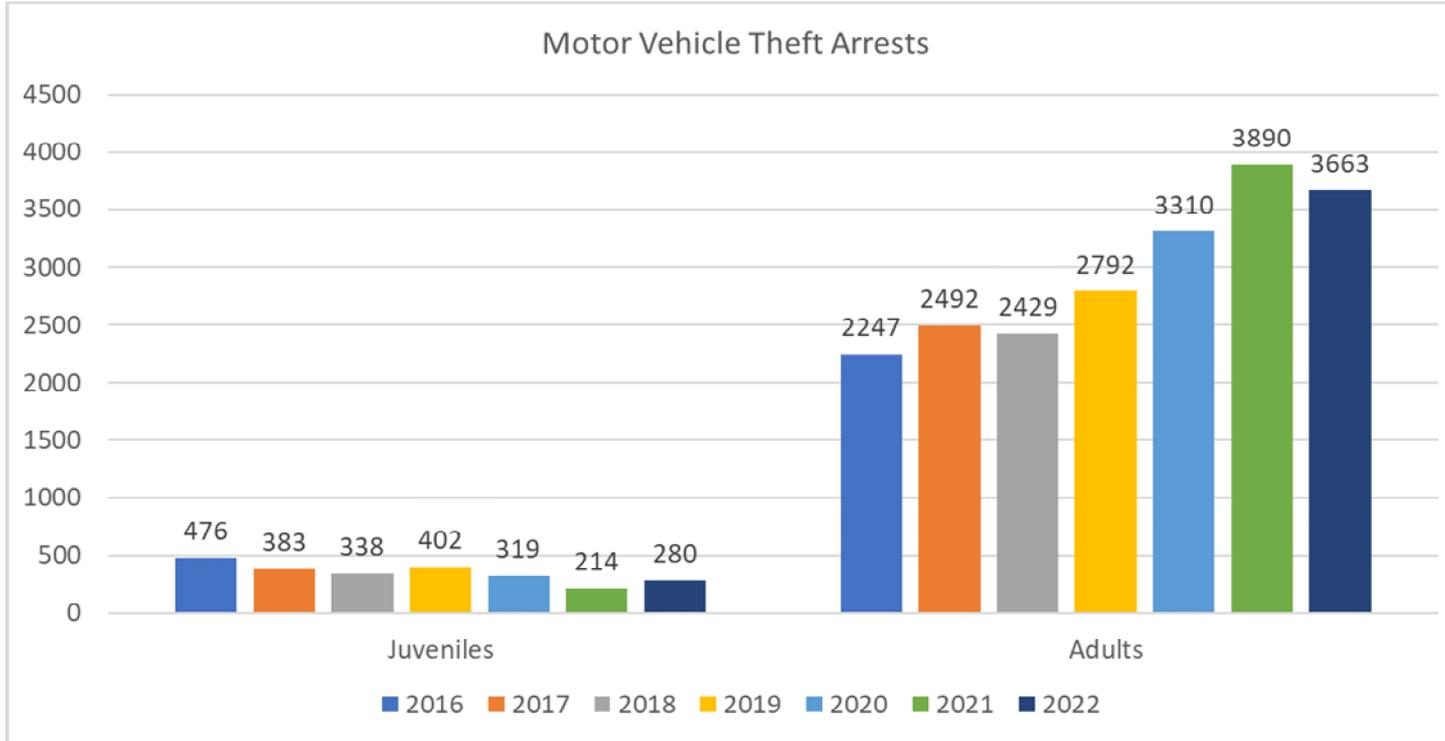
Colorado's auto theft numbers were stable from 2017 through 2019, with 2019 showing a 3% decrease.

- Social restrictions were put into place for Coloradans and businesses in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Auto theft numbers substantially increased after the restrictions went into effect.
- Auto thefts increased by 40% from 2019 to 2020, and a 31% increase from 2020 to 2021.
- In 2022, auto theft increased by 11.6%, however the pace of auto theft is slowing.
- Colorado consistently has higher than average recovery rates.



Source: Auto Theft Intelligence Coordination Center Repository

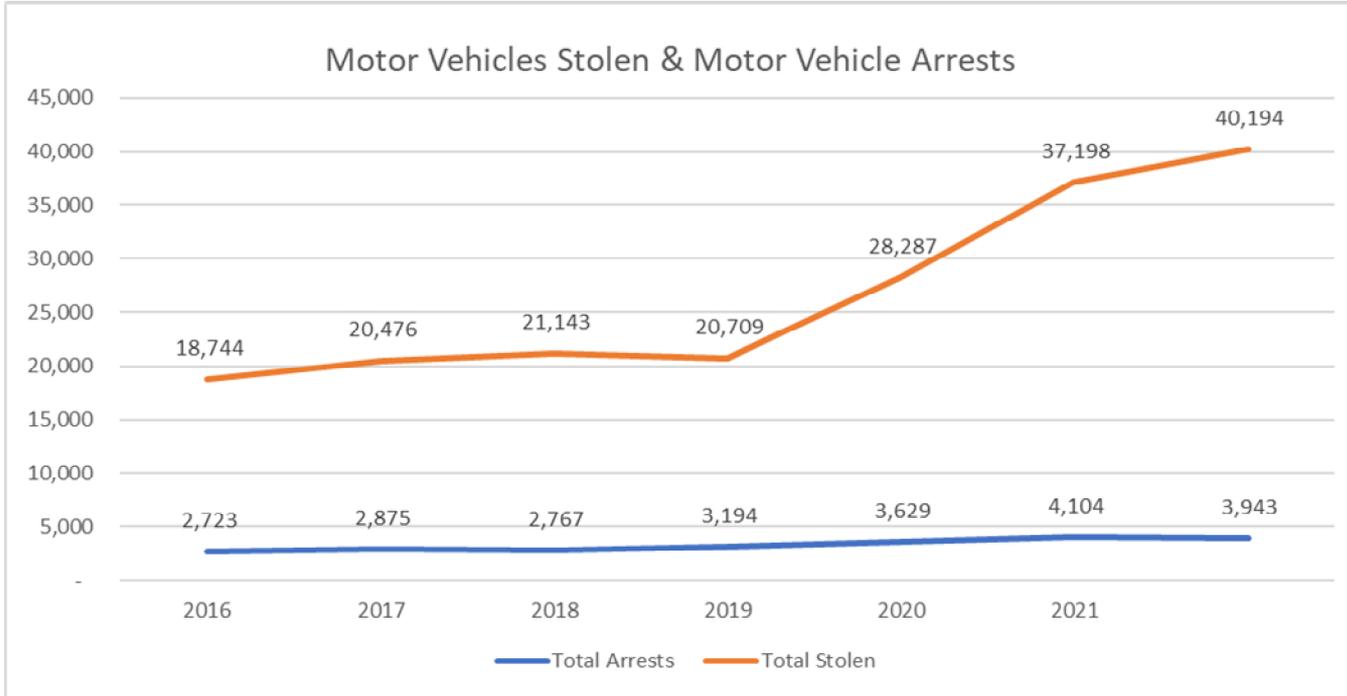
MVT Offenders - Juveniles vs. Adults



Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Colorado Crime Statistics.



MVT Reports vs. MVT Offenders



Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Colorado Crime Statistics.

